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1. ACCORDING TO GOS SOURCES, PRESENT FORMAL CONTROLS OVER SWEDISH EXPORTS IN INDUSTRIAL FIELD (I.E. EXPORTS SUBJECT TO LICENSE) LIMITED TO PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, IMPOSED AS OF DECEMBER 1, 1973 (SEE STOCKHOLM 0585), ASH AND RESIDUES CONTAINING CERTAIN METALS OR METALLIC COMPOUNDS, CERTAIN RAW HIDES AND SKINS, GOLDSMITHS' SWEEPINGS AND RESIDUES OF PRECIOUS METAL, SCRAP OF FERROUS AND NON-FERROUS METALS, AND SHIPS (EXCEPT PLEASURE BOATS) INCLUDING SHIPS FOR BREAKING UP. THESE CONTROLS ARE MAINTAINED PRIMARILY TO SAFEGUARD DOMESTIC SUPPLY.

2. IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, EXISTING EXPORT CONTROLS APPLICABLE TO SUCH ITEMS AS GRAIN AND CEREAL FLOURS, GROATS AND MEAL, OIL SEEDS AND OIL SEED
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PRODUCTS, SUGAR, SYRUP, MOLASSES, FONDANTS, PASTES,

CREAMS AND SIMILAR INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS IN BULK FORM.
EXPORTS OF SUCH ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSE ISSUED
BY NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD.
EXPORT LICENSING REQUIREMENT
MAINTAINED FOR GRAIN DUE TO PRESENT SWEDISH SYSTEM OF
EXPORT SUBSIDIES, WHICH NECESSITATES GOVERNMENT CONTROL
OF EXPORT SHIPMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR SUBSIDY.

3. SPECIAL GOVERNMENT DECREES REGULATE EXPORTS OF
OLD CULTURAL OBJECTS, NARCOTICS, WAR MATERIEL, CERTAIN
PHOTOGRAPHS AND REPRODUCTIONS, CERTAIN MAPS, URANIUM,
UNWORKED GOLD, CURRENCY, SECURITIES AND DEBT CERTIFI-
CATS, CERTAIN KINDS OF SEED, AND CERTAIN KINDS OF
FISH AND SHELLFISH. GOS INFORMANT GAVE TWO REASONS FOR
MAINTENANCE OF CONTROLS OVER FISH AND SHELLFISH,
NAMELY (1) GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO HAVE AT HAND
INSTRUMENT FOR CURTAILING EXPORTS IN EVENT OF
SHORTAGE ARISING IN SWEDEN, AND (2) NEED FOR
INSTRUMENT TO SUPERVISE EXPORTS TO STATE TRADING
COUNTRIES SINCE SUCH EXPORTS ARE MADE THROUGH A
CENTRAL FISH EXPORTING ORGANIZATION. AS REGARDS SEED,
OFFICIAL OF NATIONAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE STATED
EXPORT LICENSING CONTROL HAS BEEN MAINTAINED TO
INSURE ADEQUATE DOMESTIC SUPPLY DURING PERIODS WHEN
BETTER PRICES ARE OBTAINABLE IN WORLD MARKETS. THE
SEEDS SUBJECT TO CONTROL INCLUDE TIMOTHY, RED CLOVER,
ALSIKE CLOVER, WHITE CLOVER, LUCERNE, AND VARIOUS
KINDS OF GRASS SEEDS, AS WELL AS SWEDE, TURNIP,
CARROT, AND OTHER VEGETABLE SEEDS.

4. FURTHERMORE, CERTAIN RULES IN EFFECT DESIGNED
TO PERMIT GOS TO WATCH DEVELOPMENTS IN LUMBER EXPORT
TRADE. UNDER EXISTING REGULATIONS, PRODUCERS AND
EXPORTERS OF SAWN AND PLANED SOFTWOOD REQUIRED TO
SUBMIT MONTHLY REPORTS TO SWEDISH BOARD OF TRADE
INDICATING SIZE OF OUTPUT, AND VOLUME OF SALES AND
EFFECTED SHIPMENTS BOTH IN DOMESTIC AND EXPORT MARKETS.
GOS SOURCE STATED THAT RULE APPLYING TO SAWNWOOD
EXPORTS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO PERMIT GOS TO INSURE
ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF HOME MARKET DURING EXISTING PERIOD
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OF DOMESTIC LUMBER PRICE CONTROL. GOS INFORMANT
STRESSED THAT HIGHER PRICES OBTAINABLE FOR SAWNWOOD
IN EXPORT MARKETS COULD INDUCE SWEDISH SAWMILLS TO
SELL DISPROPORTIONATE PART OF OUTPUT ABROAD TO
DETRIMENT OF HOME MARKET NEEDS.
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